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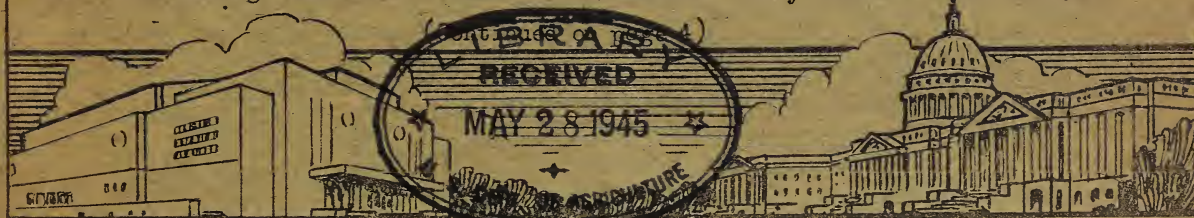
NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

Sergeant Arthur R. Barnes. (Weatherford, Oklahoma.) I received your most welcome Christmas present and thank you very much. The whole post where I am stationed has been in quarantine on account of the measles for the last 2 weeks. Tonight will be my first night out and I will do justice to the check. I will be here for another 2 weeks if I don't qualify for Officers' Candidate School. If I qualify, I will be here for about 2 months more and then will go to Officers' School for 90 days, after which, if I graduate, I will be commissioned 2nd Lieut. I am going to try to get a transfer to the Chemical Warfare Service or, as my second choice, to the Mechanized Cavalry.

Ned Cake. (Capt., Q.M.C., Wilmington, North Carolina.) Thank you very much for the Christmas gift.....I have received the last four or five copies of the "Grapevine" and have enjoyed every issue. I appreciate very much being placed on the mailing list. I think the Farm Credit Club is performing a worthwhile service in keeping up with its former employees now in the armed forces.

Emery Brown. (Fort Logan, Colorado.) We will be graduating from school here next Wednesday morning and will leave that afternoon or Thursday for places unknown. We had physical examinations for overseas duty last week and I passed with flying colors so perhaps I will be in the thick of it before long and if so, I hope I can do something worth while toward getting the whole thing over with so that I can get back to FCA.

Lieut. Julius H. Porter. (c/o Postmaster, New York City.) It was certainly nice to hear from someone in the old gang. Also, when I read the two issues of the "Grapevine" it was almost like a visit back there. You can be sure that I will be interested in receiving future issues.....I want to thank every member of the Club for



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ARE WE DOING OUR PART?

Maybe part of our war job is finding more to do. Some of us have said we thought we could be more useful than in the job we have, perhaps somewhere else, as a soldier, or on the farm. Some have said, "Why don't they put me in a war factory, or on the farm - why haven't they recruited me for a war agency where my specialty would be of more direct influence in winning the war?"

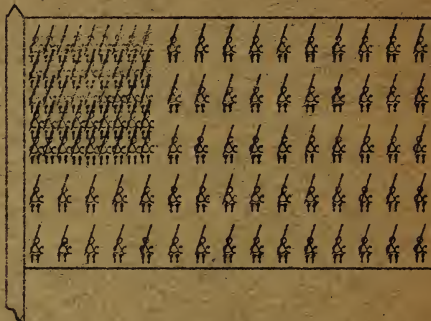
Maybe we are being too easy on ourselves by laying the blame on "them." Maybe it's "our" job to find ways to serve. There are some mighty important things to do right here - right now. Let's bend to hoeing our own row in our local victory garden. It may look bigger, longer, and more important if we work harder at it. For instance, we have each promised ourselves to bring in those Victory books, buy more bonds, help the USO, help the Red Cross, and put our blood in the blood bank. We have said we would do it, so let's do it.

FC CLUB CONSTITUTION AVAILABLE

Copies of the constitution and bylaws of the Farm Credit Club, as amended, are available in room 2118. Club members may obtain them there or by calling extension 338.

FCA SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Each soldier in this flag represents an FCA Service Man or Woman. Total - 125.



Strictly Personal



Personnel. Carrietta Rech spent a few days at her home in Howard, Kan., in honor of her parents' fifty-fifth wedding anniversary celebration on March 8..... Shirley Arnold Chancey has gone to St. Louis to join her husband who has recently been commissioned a lieutenant in the Army Air Force.

Katherine Delany has returned to the office after a few days of relaxation at her home.... Martha Tucker visited her sister in Iberia, Mo., for a week end recently.... Vivian Gustafson spent last week end with friends in Lawrence, Kansas.

Graphic. Bruce Denman has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps..... Lloyd Berg resigned to go with Pratt-Whitney..... William Coultis is now in the Army..... Jack (the Hog Farmer) Fullerton has taken his preliminary physical for the Army.... John Erickson is in the Merchant Marine

as of March 8....Charles Ritter has returned from a trip to Washington....We have recently heard from Francis Morgret, now in the Marines on the West Coast, saying that he expected to be shipped out at any time now, and sending regards to his friends here....The girls of Graphic gave themselves a dinner-show party the other night, no special reason but to get together.

Stenographic. Imogene Caldwell spent a week end in Fayetteville, Ark., visiting her brother, Lt. Charles B. Caldwell, a ferry command pilot....Geraldine Madigan has returned from Homestead, Fla., where she has been visiting her husband who is in the Air Corps....Julia Norton has been detailed to Mr. Esgate's office....Ruth Biggerstaff's sister, Mrs. Ray Duggan, was here last week from Washington.

Central Office Accounting. Mildred Farrow spent the week end in Fort Smith, Ark.... Lucille Bateman left for New York to spend a month with her husband who is in the Merchant Marine....Dorothy Martin's husband spent a 10-day furlough in K. C.... Mr. Wilkinson has been on a field trip.... Mary Dolson is enjoying a vacation in the East....Ruby McWhirt is recuperating from an appendectomy....Leona Holland and Maxine Peterson spent several days at their homes in Sarcovia, Mo. and Stratford, Ia....Margaret Ellefson entertained a guest from St. Louis, Mo....Mary Linne-man's mother from Maryville, Mo., spent the week end here....Mildred Hamilton spent several days at Mayfield, Ky., with her husband who was home on furlough.... Clarence Jump has returned after an illness of several weeks....Leville McFadden surprised us with a few minutes' visit while on his way to Ft. Riley, Kan.... Grace Bennett left to accept a position with FSA in Denver. A farewell dinner was given in her honor at the Terrace Grill.

Cooperative. Commissioner Sanders has just learned that his son, Sergeant Glenn Sanders, is somewhere in Africa.... 3

Beatrice Flick is spending her vacation in Washington, New York, and other points in the East....J. D. Lawrence is on a field trip to the Columbia and New Orleans districts....Willard Frazee has gone on a field trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis... Milton Clark has returned from a month's trip which included a visit with his mother and sister in Worcester, Mass., his brother in New York, and the old gang in Washington, D. C. On the return trip, he stopped in Memphis and had a visit with Norman Barker of the Revolving Fund.

Library. Louise Pressgrove was the guest speaker at a recent staff meeting of the public librarians of K. C....Phoebe Norton is a new member of the library staff....Kenneth Rice has gone into the armed forces....Ernest Dickey resigned from the staff last week and went to work at North American Aviation.

General Files. Helen Ford is now working for the Federal Housing....Kenneth Epperson is now on vacation....Word has been received that Don Skow has been "shipped out" from Ft. Leavenworth.... Mrs. Maxwell has returned to work after a short vacation....A dinner party was held in the Hotel Muehlebach Terrace Grill Feb. 27. The party of 16 was composed of clerks in Mrs. Thomas' Section and their guests....Evelyn Nicholson will soon be leaving to take a job with Federal Housing....Norman Ellis paid a visit to General Files. He is finishing a course at TWA School of Radio.

Intermediate Credit. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Portmann have been on a 2-week vacation visiting his parents in Princeton, Ky., prior to his entering the Army Air Force. Mrs. Portmann has been detailed to the Revolving Fund.

Property & Supply. It's a boy for the Letchworths....Robert Sherrod leaves the typewriter shop for military service. He was presented with a fine pen and pencil set.

Solicitor's Office. Lorraine Donason marched with Cpl. Norman E. Wegner to the tune of a wedding march, March 6..... Robert Brownell, Robert McConnaughey, and Joe Spelman returned from attending the crop loan conference in Washington..... Mr. Anthony spent a few days visiting in the New England States before his return to duties here.....We extend a hearty welcome to Lela Siebert and Pauline Taylor, transferees.....Robert L. Farrington transferred to duties in the Office of the Solicitor, Washington.....Florene Becker transferred to the FPA in Washington.....Doris Jenkins has returned to work after a short illness.

Economic & Credit Research. Dr. Walter Bauer of the Liaison Office in Washington was in K. C. for a week. He was accompanied by Jaime Burbano of Ecuador, Ramon Fernandez of Mexico, Francisco Aquino of El Salvador, and Casto Ferragut of Cuba, who will remain for an indefinite period to study our farm credit system..... Elizabeth Anne Davis has left St. Luke's Hospital and will spend some time at her home in Atlanta, Georgia.....Earl Tomm has returned from a field trip to Houston, Texas.....Herbert Mumford spent several weeks in the New Orleans and Columbia districts.

Finance & Accounts. Jean McRae has returned after a vacation spent at her home in Chicago.....Luella Cogswell is visiting at her home in Rockford, Ill..... Mercedes Goodson was given a fitted utility bag before she left for New York to enter the SPARS. She was honoree at a cocktail party at Gertrude Foerster's.... Meda Martin spent a short vacation at her sister's in Buckner, Mo.....F&A bowling team had dinner at the Southern Mansions to terminate the season.....Pat DiPierro has completed his Officer's Candidate School training and is now Lt. DiPierro. He dropped in enroute to Brooklyn, his home, for a short furlough before taking up his duties somewhere in Texas..... Edna Sible made a hurried trip to Clinton,

Ia., to see a relative who was on his way to the army.....John Jeffers arrived in town from Great Lakes for a 7-day furlough.

Land Bank. Gurrie Lazarus is entertaining her sister from St. Paul.....Gertrude Grove, quite snappy in her WAAC uniform, stopped by for another visit.

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NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

the Christmas gift.....Since leaving FCA, I have had considerable training, completed Officers' Candidate School and am still on my first assignment. It is quite a thrill to realize you have come up through the ranks. It gives one a broader view in handling men when one has experienced both sides of the problem.

H. C. Williams. (Commander, SC, USNR, Chicago, Illinois.) Many thanks for the Christmas gift.....I shall use it to purchase certain insignia of rank necessary because of my recent promotion. I also appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me copies of the "Grapevine," and I shall look forward to receiving future editions. It is really of interest to read about one's friends and know about those in the Service. It is almost like having a chat with an old friend.

Sergeant Milton Y. Dendy. (Ft. Meade, Maryland). I have just received the gift and the copies of the "Grapevine" and want to thank you. You have no idea how much I appreciate being remembered and the "Grapevine" was thoroughly and eagerly read. I often wish I could hear from you all and I think this may be an answer to my wish.....Last Christmas I had the occasion to visit Washington and while in town, I went down to 1300 E Street just to have a look around. I knew, of course, that FCA had moved to Kansas City, but it gave me a feeling of depression to see the old building occupied by someone else

and all my friends and fellow workers gone.....Just a word about what has happened to me. The greater part of the last 2 years we have been in defensive position in the State of Virginia, just recently coming here to Ft. Meade. The events in the course of these 2 years are too numerous to mention, but I do feel that I have learned many things that will be of value to me when and if I return to civilian life. Right now I am serving as message center chief for our battalion.

George Wienbarg. (Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.)
Dear Office Shut-ins: Not that I haven't been a shut-in, too, even though the work is interesting. I'm still giving individual mental tests to illiterates and suspected mentally deficient, to determine their inductability. I spend somewhere around 12 hours a day doing this, usually starting around 6 a.m.....I expect to leave here soon for basic training, which should add some exercise to my life. My month in the Reception Center here hasn't shown me a great deal of true Army life. I have learned Army table manners (or how to protect yourself with just a knife and fork) in spite of the fact that I didn't take fencing in college. I've also learned what a chevron is. A chevron is a permit or grant of immunity which allows little fellows to call big fellows names.

Herb Schwalm. (Apprentice Seaman, Great Lakes, Illinois.) We had some instructions today on how to put the Japs out of order in hand-to-hand combat. I never realized it was so easy to kill someone with a single blow.....We have plenty of lectures, drills, and exercises to keep us busy. Besides that, we get plenty of guard duty and we have to keep immaculately clean. I wash my clothes almost every night if I don't have guard duty... In about a week we take over the kitchen for a week straight. That means plenty of work and long hours. After we graduate here April 14, we get 8 days leave and

then most of us get to go to service school if we pass the test.

(Editor's Note: Please forward soldiers' news to Cynthia Goldberger, 2107A, so that all their friends in the FCA and in the armed services may keep in touch with them.)

BLOOD DONOR DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

The result of the recent Blood Donor Drive sponsored by the Farm Credit Club was very favorable. During the FCA Blood Donor Week (March 15 - 20), 142 of our employees will donate. In addition to these, 129 employees have indicated that they either have already made arrangements with the Red Cross for an appointment or they will donate at a time other than during FCA Week.

By the end of March approximately 40 percent of our employees will have donated their blood. This percentage far exceeds that of any organization in Kansas City. The Red Cross is not only extremely pleased, but amazed at the grand response made by the employees from this Administration.

Those employees who have indicated their desire to donate their blood to the Red Cross at a time other than during FCA Week, may contact Miss Quimby, extension 338, who will be glad to make definite appointments for them, or they may call the Red Cross, Harrison 2341, and make their own appointments. Those who do the latter are asked to notify Miss Quimby after they have made the donation. (WDM)

"WACS" DINE AT YWCA

Following an enjoyable dinner the evening of February 25, 22 Farm Credit Club "WACS" learned more about women in civilian defense, the WAACS, and the vital part being played by USDA extension agents in conveying war messages to every

rural home. Marie Puhr introduced the three guest speakers, Mrs. Edward Bushler Delk, radio script writer for the OCD, Lieutenant Biasini, WAAC recruiting officer, and Barbara Van Heulen, of the FCA, who brought to their listeners timely knowledge in these respective fields.

The next meeting, to be held March 11 will have for its topic, "Food Production in 1943," under the leadership of Grace McGerr and Dorothy Dyhrberg. (PSH)

NEW GRAPEVINE EDITORS

Cynthia Goldberger has been appointed Soldiers' News Editor, a new department of the "Grapevine." A. N. Morrison has been appointed Sports Editor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dick Prewitt.

KNOW-YOUR-KANSAS-CITY TRIP NO. 2

The second trip in this series will be a hike in Swope Park on Sunday, March 28. Club members will meet at the main shelter house on Meyer Boulevard at 10:30 a.m. for a 6-mile circuit hike across the big meadow to the Mall, along Elmwood Avenue and Gregory Boulevard to the Lake of the Woods, where we will eat our lunch. After lunch the hike will continue around Lake of the Woods, along the Blue River, across the suspension bridge and through the zoo back to the starting point. The hike will end in time to return to town for supper.

To reach starting point, take the Swope Park car line, route No. 53, which runs along Main Street to Forty-third Street, continuing along Rock Hill Road and Swope Parkway to Meyer Boulevard. The last car to reach the starting point on time leaves Union Station at 10:09 a.m. (PLR)

RED CROSS EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

To the 62 FCA typists and clerks who responded to the appeal for help in sending

out 7,000 letters preliminary to the War Service Fund Drive, Campaign Director Max Bretton sends his thanks. They were expressed in a letter directed to Governor Black, which we quote:

"My dear Governor Black:

"It is a pleasure to report to you that Miss Connor and the staff which she gathered, performed a service to the Red Cross War Fund Appeal which proved of inestimable value.

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"I want to express, on behalf of the Red Cross, our sincere appreciation for the fine work of these good people and for your graciousness in making the facilities available."

Governor Black has also expressed his gratification of the very fine spirit shown by these volunteers.

CLUB MEMBERS RESPOND TO CALL FOR BOOKS

On March 8, Farm Credit employees had given nearly 100 volumes in response to the appeal for books to be sent to our boys in the military services. There is still time to check over the books in your library with a view to donating one or two of your favorites to the Victory Book Campaign.

"A good book is the precious lifeblood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life." So said John Milton many years ago, but it is even truer today in the case of our soldiers and sailors in the far places of the earth. (PLR)

A NEW ASSOCIATE CHIEF CLERK

Born, to Tom Piper, FCA Chief Clerk, a son, Peter Michael Piper. Father and son, as well as the mother are doing well. (RBM)

CO-OP STORE DIVIDEND

Members of the Co-op Food Store recently voted a patronage dividend approximating 9 percent on 1942 purchases. While shareholders are entitled to this dividend in cash, most Farm Credit employees are nonmembers and are entitled only to have such dividends credited toward the purchase of stock in the store.

Statements of the dividend credit have now been distributed to individuals identifiable on the store's records as Farm Credit employees. If you participated in the canned goods purchases but have not received a statement, contact Mr. Bark, extension 86.

KEEPER OF THE ELEPHANTS

Maxine Lehman, the Reception Clerk, has a new job. Last week a somewhat rough-appearing man came into the front lobby, started looking around.

"Is there anything I can do for you?" asked Maxine.

"No," was the rather short reply.

However, when the man started into the building, Maxine again inquired.

"No, there ain't nothing I want done; I'm just planning to open up these doors and bring my elephants in this way." (RBM)

(Note: You may recall that there was a circus in the building last week.)

FINANCE YOUR GARDEN THROUGH THE CREDIT UNION

Uncle Sam wants you to pay your taxes and to grow a Victory garden. If he takes all your money in taxes, you can still get enough to plant a garden by borrowing from the Credit Union. (MP)



BOWLING

The lads and lassies wound up the bowling season with a mixed triples sweepstakes. (Since Uncle Sam has taken so many of the bowlers, the gals had to double up this time.) The team of Simpson, B. Meuers, and McGee lead the field with a total of 1,414. Weinberg, Murphy, and Hanson splattered the maples for 1,372 and copped second place. The show spot went to Spelman, Hurray, and Limke with 1,342.

Brownell's 209 and Nolz' 173 won high individual honors. A good time was had by all - judging by the shouts of "Let's have another one."

FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

The Men's Bowling League wound up their 1942-43 season with a mammoth sweepstakes at the Plaza Bowl Monday evening, March 1. A large gallery saw 42 contestants participate in this annual event.

The first prize went to Gray Hume who spilled the maples for a 626 gross. Carl Bark, by virtue of a big 545 net and 596 gross, finished in second place. The number three prize was hauled down by John Simpson. A 51 pin handicap gave John a 571 gross. John Reed of the Accounts team finished fourth with a gross total of 568. Hein, lead-off man for the Reports team, shot 526 for high net set prize while George Thomson captured the high net game with 203. The surprise prize of the evening went to Maguire of the Traffic Office who bowled a low gross of 432.

FCA MEN'S BASKETBALL

FCA lost to a powerful team from the Second Presbyterian Church Thursday, March 4, with only two more games to go in the final round of the city league play. The FCA'ers have been handicapped by the loss of their two stars, Prewitt and Kongs, and have been able to muster only a five-man team for each game.

On February 11, the Quartermaster Depot defeated FCA by two points after trailing by two points until the last few minutes of play. TWA, one of the title-contenders, pulled the same last-minute drive February 18 when they defeated the FCA basketball team in a final spurt after trailing them by four points throughout a spirited game. Thursday evening, March 11, FCA was defeated by the top-flight Kansas City Power and Light Company team.

Final game of the season will be played Thursday night, March 18. Three games will be played beginning at 7:10 p.m. FCA will tackle a team they have once defeated, Centropolis Baptist, at 8:10 p.m. at the Benton School, 30th and Benton Streets.

THE MUCH-TRAVELED VOUCHER

This is the tale of a Postmaster voucher That landed in Audit one day. It came from West Overshoe, into my hands Through many a devious way. Sam Small, the Postmaster, figured it out Having nothing better to do -- And sent it along to the Regional boss, Then awaited the check that was due. The Regional Manager gave it a look And sent it right back on the wing -- "You'll never get paid at this rate," he wrote, "There's no stub attached to the thing." With a sigh and a shake of his head, poor Sam Small Tried to think where the darned stub could be, But he finally found it back in his desk

Covered with dust and debris.

"Eureka!" he thought, "At last I'll be paid

"For all of my trouble and work --"

So he sent it along and it finally got signed

By the Regional Auditing clerk.

But betimes it arrived on my desk, slightly mused,

And I hardly got started at all, When I noticed alas, with a sorrowful glance,

It hadn't been signed by Sam Small.

So I wrote him a letter, and said,

"Inasmuch

As this hasn't been signed by Payee It cannot be paid, so please sign your name

And return the voucher to me."

It finally came back with a pitiful note From a very bewildered man --

"I have waited some time for this money!" he said,

"Please send it as soon as you can."

I completed the audit as fast as I could It was re-checked and scheduled and sent To the office that writes up the checks and such stuff,

And into the mail it went.

Sam Small tore the envelope open with hands

That trembled with eager suspense --

And out on the desk, mid the dust and debris

Fell a Treasury check for six cents. (DW)

FIRST FCA WOMAN MARINE

Telephone Operator Mary McBride was among the first group from the K.C. area to be inducted into the women's reserve of the Marines. She expects to leave before March 15 for Hunter College, New York City, to receive basic training. The occasion was celebrated at a recent dinner at the Hotel Phillips. (CED)

LAWN SEED

Farm Credit Club members can get white clover and bluegrass seed at attractive prices. Call extension 214. (GSC)